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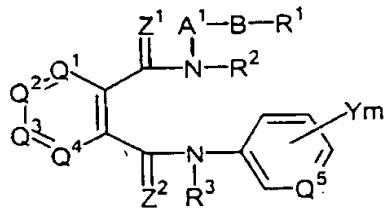
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An aromatic diamide compound represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



C_8)alkynylene group; or a substituted (C_3 - C_8)alkynylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)-alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;

in the (C_1 - C_8)alkylene group, the substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)alkenylene group, the substituted (C_3 - C_8) alkenylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)-alkynylene group or the substituted (C_3 - C_8)alkynylene group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted with a (C_2 - C_5)alkylene group to form a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkane ring; further in the (C_1 - C_8)alkylene group, the substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)alkenylene group or the substituted (C_3 - C_8) alkenylene group, any two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group or an alkenylene group to form a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkane ring or a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkene ring;

B is $-C(=N-OR^4)-$ (wherein R^4 is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)alkenyl group; a halo(C_3 - C_6)alkenyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)alkynyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 -

C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl groups);

R^1 is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group; a halo (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a halo (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino group; a di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6)

C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups;

R^1 may bond with A^1 to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

R^2 and R^3 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen

atom, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group or -A²-R⁵ [wherein A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -C(=NR⁶)- (wherein R⁶ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; or a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups), a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group;

(1) when A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)- or -C(=NR⁶)- (wherein R⁶ has the same definition as given above), R⁵ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)-alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different,

C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups);

(2) when A^2 is a (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, a halo (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, a (C_3-C_6) alkenylene group, a halo (C_3-C_6) alkenylene group, a (C_3-C_6) alkynylene group or a halo (C_3-C_6) alkynylene group, R^5 is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl group; a halo (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups; or $-A^4-R^9$ (wherein A^4 is $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$,

-N(R⁸)- (R⁸ has the same definition as given above), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above);

(i) when A⁴ is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -N(R⁸)- (R⁸ has the same definition as given above), R⁹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylcarbonyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group; a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms,

cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups;

(ii) when A⁴ is -C(=O)- or -C(=N-OR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), R⁹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the

two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups)];

R² may bond with A¹ or R¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

Q¹ to Q⁴ may be the same or different and are each a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom which may be substituted with X, and X may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ [wherein A⁵ is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -C(=O)-, -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above),

a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynylene group;

(1) when A⁵ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, R¹⁰ is a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkenyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁶-R¹¹ (wherein A⁶ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)-alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group, and R¹¹ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different

substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁷-R¹² (wherein A⁷ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, and R¹² is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups));

(2) when A^5 is $-C(=O)-$ or $-C(=NOR^4)-$ (R^4 has the same definition as given above), R^{10} is a (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl group; a halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a (C_2 - C_6)alkenyl group; a halo(C_2 - C_6)alkenyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C_3 - C_6)cycloalkyl group; a (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy group; a (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio group; a mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino group; a di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)-alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl

groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

(3) when A⁵ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynylene group, R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁸-R¹³ (wherein A⁸ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, and R¹³ is a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a

halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁹-R¹⁴ (wherein A⁹ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₅)alkynylene group, and R¹⁴ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl

groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups));

the two Xs bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q¹ to Q⁴ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

Q⁵ is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different

substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ (A⁵ and R¹⁰ each have the same definition as given above);

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, phenyl group, substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups, heterocyclic groups, and substituted heterocyclic groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups;

m is an integer of 0 to 5;

Z^1 and Z^2 may be the same or different and are each an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom.

C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C_3-C_8) alkynylene group; or a substituted (C_3-C_8) alkynylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)-alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;

in the (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the substituted (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, the substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, the (C_3-C_8) -alkynylene group or the substituted (C_3-C_8) alkynylene group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted with a (C_2-C_5) alkylene group to form a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkane ring; further in the (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the substituted (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group or the substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, any two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group or an alkenylene group to form a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkane ring or a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkene ring;

B is $-C(=N-OR^4)-$ (wherein R^4 is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl group; a (C_3-C_6) alkenyl group; a halo(C_3-C_6)alkenyl group; a (C_3-C_6) alkynyl group; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups);

R¹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or

different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

R¹ may bond with A¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected

from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

R^2 and R^3 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group;

~~Q^1 to Q^4 may be the same or different and are each a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom which may be substituted with X ; X may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom, a nitro group, a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group, a halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl group, a (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group, a halo (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group, a (C_2-C_6) alkynyl group, a halo (C_2-C_6) alkynyl group, a halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group or a halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; the two X s bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q^1 to Q^4 may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups and halo (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl groups;~~

Q^5 is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a halo (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) -alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the

two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ (A⁵ and R¹⁰ each have the same definition as given in claim 1);

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, phenyl group, substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups, heterocyclic groups, and

substituted heterocyclic groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

m is an integer of 0 to 5;

Z¹ and Z² are each an oxygen atom.

Claim 3. (currently amended) An aromatic diamide compound or a salt thereof according to claim 2, wherein A¹ is a (C₁-C₈)-alkylene group; a substituted (C₁-C₈) alkylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group; a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group.

C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group; or a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;

in the (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the substituted (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group, the substituted (C₃-C₈) alkenylene group, the (C₃-C₈)-alkynylene group or the substituted (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted with a (C₂-C₅)alkylene group to form a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkane ring; further in the (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the substituted (C₁-C₈) alkylene group, the (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group or the substituted (C₃-C₈) alkenylene group, any two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group or an alkenylene group to form a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkane ring or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkene ring;

B is -C(=N-OR⁴)- (wherein R⁴ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;

(C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the

two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

R^1 may bond with A^1 to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

R^2 and R^3 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom or a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl group;

Q^1 to Q^4 ~~may be the same or different and~~ are each a carbon atom which may be substituted with X ; X may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom, a nitro group, a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl group, a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkyl group, a $(C_2\text{-}C_6)$ alkenyl group, a halo($C_2\text{-}C_6$)alkenyl group, a $(C_2\text{-}C_6)$ alkynyl group, a halo($C_2\text{-}C_6$)alkynyl group, a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkoxy group or a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylthio group; the two X s bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q^1 to Q^4 may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl groups, halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkyl groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy groups, halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkoxy groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylthio groups, halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylthio groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfinyl groups, halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylsulfinyl groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl groups and halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylsulfonyl groups;

Q^5 is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkyl group; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkoxy group; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylthio group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylthio group; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfinyl group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylsulfinyl group; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkylsulfonyl group; a halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkoxy halo($C_1\text{-}C_6$)alkoxy group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or

more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; a pyridyloxy group; or a substituted pyridyloxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups;

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms; (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups; (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups; (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups; (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups; (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; phenyl group; and substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups;

m is an integer of 1 to 5;

Z¹ and Z² are each an oxygen atom.

Claim 4. (currently amended) An agrohorticultural composition characterized by containing, as an effective ingredient, an aromatic diamide compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 and an inert carrier.

Claim 5. (currently amended) A method for using an An agrohorticultural composition according to claim 4 claim 6, wherein the agrohorticultural composition which is an insecticide.

Claim 6. (previously presented) A method for using an agrohorticultural composition according to claim 4, characterized by applying the agrohorticultural composition to a target crop or soil in an effective amount to protect the crop or soil from pests.